

IN THE CLAIMS

A copy of all claims now pending follows:

24. (Original) A system in a supply chain network, the system comprising:
one or more site data appliances comprising one or more types of data source equipment,
the one or more site data appliances using a protocol to collect specification
information, including event information, from the one or more types of data
source equipment;
one or more site servers coupled to one or more site data appliances to gather the
specification information from the one or more site data appliances; and
a data center coupled to the one or more site servers to generate a mapping of the event
information to event handlers for execution in response to an event.
25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the data center sends the mapping of
the event information to the one or more site servers.
26. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the one or more site servers generate
a Description Document, comprising the specification information of the one or more types of
data source equipment, using extensible markup language (XML).
27. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising a portable device coupled
with the one or more site servers to access an instance of the Description Document.
28. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the specification information further
comprises method and property information.
29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein a dotted notation is used to identify
the event, method and property information.

30. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein communications between the one or more types of data source equipment, the one or more site data appliances and the one or more site servers utilize the Universal Data Appliance Protocol (UDAP).

31. (Original) A method in a supply chain network, the method comprising the steps of:
collecting specification information, including event information, from one or more types of data source equipment at one or more site data appliances using a protocol;
gathering the specification information from the one or more site data appliances at one or more site servers; and
mapping the event information of the one ore more data appliances to event handlers for execution in response to an event.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of sending the mapping of the event information to the one or more site servers.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31, further comprising the step of generating a Description Document comprising the specification information of the one or more data source equipment, using extensible markup language (XML).

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, further comprising accessing an instance of the Description Document with a portable device.

35. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the specification information further comprises method and property information.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, further comprising the step of using a dotted notation to identify the event, method and property information.

37. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of collecting specification information and gathering the specification information utilizes the Universal Data Appliance Protocol (UDAP).

38. (Original) A method in a supply chain network, comprising:
creating a Description Document comprising specification information from one or more types of data source equipment using extensible markup language (XML), the specification information comprising information about events that each of the one or more types of data source equipment is capable of generating;
sending the Description Document to a data center, wherein the data center maps events with event handlers to create a dispatch table; and
sending the dispatch table to a site server associated with the one or more types of data source equipments; and
executing an event handler responsive to receiving an event generated by the one or more types of data source equipment.

39. (Original) A computer program product, comprising:
a computer-readable medium having computer program logic embodied therein for, in a supply chain network:
collecting specification information, including event information, from one or more types of data source equipment at one or more site data appliances using a protocol;
gathering the specification information from the one or more site data appliances at one or more site servers; and
mapping the event information of the one or more data appliances to event handlers for execution in response to an event.

40. (Original) The computer program product of claim 39, further comprising the step of sending the mapping of the event information to the one or more site servers.

41. (Original) The computer program product of claim 39, further comprising the step of generating a Description Document comprising the specification information of the one or more types of data source equipment, using extensible markup language (XML).

42. (Original) The computer program product of claim 41, further comprising accessing an instance of the Description Document with a portable device.

43. (Original) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the specification information further comprises method and property information.

44. (Original) The computer program product of claim 43, further comprising the step of using a dotted notation to identify the event, method and property information.

45. (Original) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the step of collecting specification information and gathering the specification information utilizes the Universal Data Appliance Protocol (UDAP).

46. (New) A system in a supply chain network for configuring asset tracking, the system comprising:

a plurality of types of automated data source equipment, each data source equipment having associated specification information for communicating with the system and event information for providing data to the system;

one or more site data appliances, coupled to the automated data source equipment, the one or more site data appliances to collect specification information and event information, from the automated data source equipment;

one or more site servers, coupled to one or more site data appliances, to generate a description document comprising the specification information from the one or more site data appliances; and

a data center, coupled to the one or more site servers, to generate a mapping of the event information to event handlers in the description document for execution in response to an event, wherein the one or more site servers execute events in accordance with the description document.